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NEW SELF-PROPELLED POSSIBLE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER
NAMDAE CHON, NORTH KOREA

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEW SELF-PROPELLED POSSIBLE MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER SYSTEM HAS BEEN DEPLOYED WITH EACH OF THE FIVE NAMDAE CHON BRIGADES IN 7TH CORPS.

2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** A NEW SELF-PROPELLED (SP) WEAPONS SYSTEM HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE TOWED 107MM ROCKET LAUNCHER COMPANY AREAS OF ALL FIVE NAMDAE CHON BRIGADES (

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THE
NEW WEAPON SYSTEM IS POSSIBLY A MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) CONSISTING OF A RECTANGULAR-SHAPED WEAPON, PROBABLY PEDISTAL-MOUNTED ON AN M-1973 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC) CHASSIS. SMALL IMAGE SCALE AND/OR CANVAS COVERING OF THE WEAPON PRECLUDES DETAILED ANALYSIS. HOWEVER, THE WEAPON APPEARS TO BE SMALLER THAN THE 122MM BM-11 MRL, AND LARGER THAN THE 107MM MRL. THE 107MM HAS BEEN THE ONLY MRL PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED ON AN SP CHASSIS IN NORTH KOREA. ADDITIONALLY, THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED WEAPON IS MOUNTED ON THE CENTER OF THE CHASSIS, WHILE THE SP 107MM MRL WAS MOUNTED NEAR THE REAR.

(S/D) NINE OF THESE NEW SP WEAPONS WERE DEPLOYED IN EACH OF THE BRIGADE MRL COMPANY AREAS EXCEPT IN NAMDAE CHON AREA D (BE WHERE ONLY THREE WERE OBSERVED. A STORAGE SHED FOR THE NINE NEW SP WEAPONS HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED IN NAMDAE CHON AREA A INDICATING THAT THEY WILL BE PERMANENTLY HOUSED AT THESE FACILITIES.

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(S/D) **ANALYSTS COMMENTS:** THE DEPLOYMENT OF SP MRL OF PROBABLY LARGER CALIBER AND LONGER RANGE THAN THE 107MM MRL, TOGETHER WITH THE M-1974 SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY BATTALION NEWLY IDENTIFIED WITH EACH BRIGADE IN DECEMBER 1981, SIGNIFICANTLY UPGRADES THE MOBILITY, QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF FIRE SUPPORT AVAILABLE WITHIN THE NAMDAE CHON BRIGADES.

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